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SUBJ: KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. NAMED NEW MOFA PERM. SEC.

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1. FULL REPORT OF NEW CABINET CARRIED IN TODAY'S PRESS ALSO COVERED CERTAIN HIGH-LEVEL CIVIL SERVICE CHANGES, MOST INTERESTING OF WHICH FROM EMBASSY'S VIEWPOINT WAS NAMING OF KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., LEONARD O. KIBINGE, AS NEW MOFA PERMANENT SECRETARY. HE REPLACES G.M. MATHEKA, WHO TRANSFERRED TO PS POSITION IN MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. KIBINGE'S RETURN TO MOFA REINFORCES EMBASSY'S BELIEF (REFTEL) THAT WE WILL NOW HAVE A MORE ACTIVE MINISTRY.

2. WHEN EMBOFF CALLED KIBINGE (WHO HERE ON CONSULATATION) TO CONGRATULATE HIM, HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON AROUND NOV. 8 OR 9 AND HOPED TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY SUBSEQUENTLY TO PAY FAREWELL CALL ON BOTH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

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3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN

KIBINGE'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR FAREWELL CALLS (WHICH
EMBOFF, OF COURSE, DID NOT ENCOURAGE) BUT HOPES DEPART-
MENT WILL ENDEAVOR BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE.
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